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Dear Chair Menor and Councilmembers:

Re: Resolution 17-133, Requesting the City's Department of Parks and Recreation to
Establish an Off-Leash Dog Park in Downtown Honolulu-Kaka'ako

I strongly support Resolution 17-133, which requests the Department of Parks and Recreation to establish a fenced dog-park in Mother Waldron Neighborhood Park in the vicinity of Downtown Honolulu-Kaka'ako.

Furthermore, I am willing to work with the Ala Moana-Kakaako Neighborhood board to support a community working group that can help identify a suitable location for a fenced dog park in this area.

Kakaako is sorely in need of public off-leash dog parks, due to its expanding population and highly urbanized character. An off-leash dog park on city-owned property in the Honolulu Civic Center area or other area could serve residents in Kakaako as well as Makiki-Punchbowl, and could also increase the utilization and safety of the Civic Center area outside of business hours.

Other previously-considered ideas included a dog park at the Mother Waldron Neighborhood Park, as well as a longstanding proposal by the Imperial Plaza Association of Apartment Owners to fund the conversion of the nearby Kawaiahao Mini Park into a dog park. These ideas could also be explored further and developed into viable projects.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in favor of Resolution 17-133.

Sincerely Yours,



Ryan Tam
2016-2017 Chair, Ala Moana-Kakaako Neighborhood Board No. 11

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